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Title: **PROCESS FOR STERILIZATION OF BIOLOGICAL
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING PROTEIN (AMENDED)**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 19 pages, including 2 independent claim and 22 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 02021305.4, filed on September 19, 2002.

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4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$ \$750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	22	-	20	2	x \$18	\$ 36.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$84	
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6. A check for \$786.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$36.00 additional claims fee.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 02021305.4, filed on September 19, 2002.

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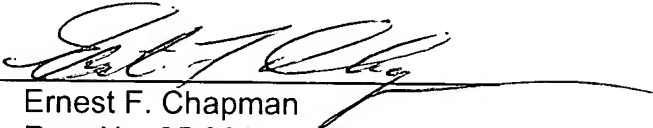
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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